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In Brief

End-of-month meal at St. Mary's Nov. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Monday, November 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Pathfinders craft show

Residents of group homes in Culver and Knox sponsored by Pathfinders Inc. will present their handmade work at a craft show Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Culver's Beach Lodge. The public is welcome.

Public invited to town-wide trash service meeting

The town of Culver will hold a town hall meeting in the form of a public work session Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the option of town-wide trash disposal service as discussed at recent meetings of Culver's Town Council. The Council would like to hear public opinion on the possibility of the town contracting with a single waste hauler to provide trash removal and recycling service to all Culver residents at a rate lower than individuals are currently afforded. The meeting will take place at Culver's Town Hall at 200 East Washington Street. Questions may be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Leaf pickup reminder

The town of Culver reminds residents when raking leaves for pickup not to place leaf piles in the street or roadway. Instead, leaves should be piled at the edge of the road inside residents' property. Sticks and brush should be placed in a separate pile from leaves for pickup, and no grass clippings will be picked up by the town. Those with questions may call the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Ways to contribute following Surret

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Honoring those who serve and served

The Culver Community observed Veteran's Day November 11 with events at the Culver Community High School, Culver Masonic Cemetery, and Culver Academies (see stories below). LOWER LEFT PHOTO: At CCHS, members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 and Monterey's American Legion Post 399 represented area veterans as part of the school's observation, which included an address to students by Vietnam veteran Ray Gleason and presentations to students with relatives serving in the Armed Forces. Pictured, left to right: Joe Miller (Culver VFW), Larry Spiwak (Monterey American Legion), Ted Bauer (Legion 399), Don Keller (Legion 399), and Post Commander Bryce Lindvall (VFW 6919). TOP RIGHT PHOTO*: At Culver Academies, Culver Military Academy graduate Maj. Ryan Mayfield, US Army, addressed students and faculty, and afterwards was greeted at a reception attended also by his parents, Sherri and Tony, both Academies faculty and pictured here. The traditional 21-gun salute (LOWER RIGHT PHOTO)** was part of the school's more than 80-year-old Veteran's Day ceremony.

Culver observes Veteran's Day

Lindvall recalls service at Masonic cemetery observance

By Bobbie Ruhnow

Culver - With the bluest of skies and the American flag waving proudly in the wind, members of Finney Shilling VFW Post 6919 and Collins Tasch American Legion Post 390 gathered at the Veterans Memorial in the Culver Masonic cemetery to honor all veterans past and present.

VFW Chaplain, Judd Roush, led the opening prayer and VFW Commander Bryce Lindvall spoke to the veterans and other citizens attending.

The Commander recalled his service in the Navy at the time Ronald Reagan, The Great Communicator, was president. He praised the President's comments on various memorial occasions. One of Reagan's speeches given on the anniversary of D Day ended with this tribute to all veterans. "You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man. All of you loved liberty. All of you were willing to fight tyranny, and you knew the people of your countries were behind you."

Members of the Culver Union Township Fire Department and VFW Ladies Auxiliary also stood in tribute to fallen comrades.

The ceremony ended with the salute from the firing squad composed of VFW and Legion members and the haunting sound of "Taps."

Vietnam vet's humorous combat experience points to serious lessons at CCHS

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

Vietnam veteran Ray Gleason approached a very serious topic with his Culver High School student audience with a little humor this Veteran's Day. Culver Academies Leadership instructor Gleason, the author of this year's book, "A Grunt Speaks: A Devil's Dictionary of Vietnam Infantry Terms and Tales," offered empathy with his young audience. "This is where you get to listen to some fat old guy talk about being a veteran...I'm your official fat guy today!"

"And as bad as this gets," quipped Gleason, "You know it's better than sitting in class."

Gleason noted he was just a year older, at age 19, than several students listening to him at the Culver Community High School's annual Veteran's Day ceremony and celebration November 11, when he shipped out in 1968 for Vietnam. He described trading various components of government-issued C-rations for his favorite Army dish, franks and beans, which he managed to stockpile and keep in cans in the pack on his back.

Gleason described an incident in which incoming mortars hit his platoon. "I got two steps and felt a giant fist punch me in the back. I woke up on the ground...it was like I was waking from a deep sleep - you know, like in English class!"

Conducting a "post-trauma check" on his body, Gleason said all seemed to be well until he felt "something thick and oozing from the back of my head."

"I thought, 'Oh my God, I'm hit!' But I still didn't feel

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Culver Council talks trash

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council talked trash at its November 10 meeting, and hopes the public will join in the discussion and give its input in the near future.

The possibility of town-wide waste removal and recycling service was raised earlier this year and discussed at several previous meetings, during which concerns over the potential advantages and drawbacks

of such a service were raised by audience and council members alike.

Town manager Michael Doss said he has created a draft of bid documents which could be used if the town aimed at contracting with one waste handling company for all residents, doing away with competing handlers contracting with individual citizens today. Council president Sally Ricciardi asked Doss to send the recently-com-

pleted draft to each Council member.

Council member Ralph Winters expressed his opposition to the move, citing problems experienced in nearby Plymouth, where city-wide trash service was recently adopted. Winters also noted the town of Argos is "having some real financial issues with (its town-wide trash service)," though he added some of the problem there "is due to some very poor policies

years ago...subsidizing trash pickup out of other funds.

"I am personally afraid of whole thing," Winters said.

Town Building Inspector Russ Mason responded to Winters by noting the proposed plan in Culver uses no town funds, adding complaints in Plymouth have centered on some residents' difficulties moving the new, larger trash containers and a shift in trash

container locations from alleys to streetside. Culver, Mason pointed out, has long had streetside trash pickup. "We can save the citizens of this town a lot of money," Mason added, referring to the likelihood of substantial reductions in trash hauling fees per customer under a town-wide contract. "We shouldn't throw up non-substantial roadblocks (to the town-

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Culver Veterans on display

RIGHT: Uniforms and memorabilia from Culverites past and present who served in the US military overseas and domestically are part of a display through mid-December at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library. Items range from the Civil War through recent conflicts. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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sacrifice will likely not be publicly recognized," but instead will be made on behalf of those nearest to us on a regular basis. Mayfield concluded his address by invoking God's strength as the source of each person's ability to sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this," Mayfield quoted the apostle John, "than to lay down his life for his friends."

The Academies' Veteran's Day ceremony has remained largely unchanged since its 1924 inception, launched to recognize the sacrifices of American and Allied soldiers during World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

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any pain. I felt myself slipping back into sleep away the from pain which I knew was coming. Then I felt bits of stuff flowing down from the goo. I imagined bits of my head oozing down the side of my face, and started slipping into shock."

Once the "goo" made its way down his face and into his mouth, Gleason found "it tasted good like tomato sauce! I thought my brains must have been floating in tomato sauce."

As it turned out, a piece of shrapnel had hit Gleason in the back and destroyed an air mattress, a paperback novel, and his beloved cans of franks and beans all over the back of his head. "I almost got killed by a can of franks and beans! My punishment was, I got to walk through the jungle with franks and beans all over the back of my head. Do you know how much bugs like franks and beans?"

On a more serious note, Gleason described soldiers' elation at the day they were sent home from Vietnam. "It's better than Christmas or your birthday or the first big kiss you get from your girlfriend... it's the day you got back to the world."

Among other things, Gleason said, his return to the US was the day he stopped drinking warm pop and eating C rations, going on patrol, standing in the rain wringing out his socks and putting them back on, sleeping in the mud "butt to butt with two other guys," standing to an hour before dawn and after sunset, and "getting shot at and blown up regularly."

For the soldier, added Gleason, the day of returning from overseas combat was "the day he started sleeping in his own bed again, wearing dry socks, drinking thick strawberry milkshakes and hot coffee, using the bathroom instead of a hole in the ground. It was the day your mom stopped crying every night and being afraid to answer the phone or the door (and the) day he got his second big kiss from Mary.

"Thank a veteran," Gleason concluded.

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The CCHS event also included presentations to and recognition of students whose relatives are serving overseas in the military. The CCHS band, under the direction of Jason Crittendon, played a tribute to the four branches of the US Armed Forces (and past or present members of those forces were asked to stand during the appropriate musical selection), and Culver's VFW Post 6919 and Monterey American Legion Post 399 retired the colors. The event concluded with students playing "Taps" on echoing trumpets.

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benefit

Those wishing to contribute towards costs incurred in treatment for 18-year-old Matthew Surrett may still do so following the November 7 benefit for he and his family held at the Monterey Legion. Surrett, grandson of Cathy DePalma of Culver, has been undergoing chemo for about nine months now and recently underwent surgery in an effort to remove his cancer. He will still have to go through about 20 more chemo treatments, according to DePalma, who adds Surrett's mother has been unable to work as she has been transporting him to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. Donations may be sent to Honey Loehmer, 2610 E 700 N, Monterey, IN 46960.

Leiters Christmas tree parade Nov. 28

The public is invited to a family event to view many unique Christmas Trees all in one building at "Christmas Trees on Parade," sponsored by the Aubbeenaubbee Advisory Board. The event will take place Saturday, November 28 from 5 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Leiters Ford Community Building,

east on Main Street next to the fire station. The author Clifford Green, of "Alabama Zack," will be on hand each evening for one hour with an exclusive on the story. A free will donation will be taken at the door, which will give guests a ticket to vote for their favorite tree. There will be a drawing Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Wesley Cookie Walk includes Civil War quilt

The Susanna Circle Quilters, Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver will offer a Civil War theme quilt "Underground Railroad" as a silent auction item. The quilt will be offered at the annual church Cookie Walk which is Saturday, December 5 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Civil War quilt is based on the book "Hidden in Plain View" by Tobin and Dobard, Ph. D. and is the story of the Underground Railroad told through quilt blocks. The quilt measures 85 x 57 inches and is suitable for wall hanging. The fabric used is Civil War reproduction in muted shades of brown, red, blue and green. The quilt is offered in commemoration

of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Culver pantry in need

Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 397 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, is in desperate need of donations to fill its rapidly-emptying shelves. Needed are non-perishable foods as well as unused, unopened personal hygiene items. The pantry is an ecumenical effort of Culver's Council of Churches, and is operated under the direction of Amy Hutchins. Those with items to donate are encouraged to bring them to the church or contact Hutchins at 574-842-2598.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

VFW hosts Chamber, shares history and accomplishments

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Culver - VFW 6919 and Ladies Auxiliary hosted the November dinner for the Chamber of Commerce in Culver. Welcomed by VFW Quartermaster, Rich Kelso, and Auxiliary president, Margaret Dehne, the group learned about the history of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and some of the ongoing projects of the organization.

Among the many programs involving the VFW and auxiliaries, Dehne reported that emphasis was first on veteran's welfare and next on community service. Among the many community projects the organization is involved in are the Patriot Pen contest for grades 6 through 8, and Voice of Democracy contest for high school students. To date, 78 essays from Culver Elementary School have been submitted for judging. Winners go on to be judged at the district, state and national level with scholarships and monetary awards as the prize.

Donations and assistance are also given to the Lions Club for their eyeglasses collection, Culver Boys and Girls Club, BPA drive for supplies to military in Iraq, United Fund, LMEC, Culver and Monterey libraries, Soccer league, and Cancer Aid and Research among other contributions. An annual dinner, sponsored by the VFW organizations, donates all proceeds to the Culver Police and EMS departments. The Men's Auxiliary have instituted a new program called BUGS or Bringing Up Grades Score for the Culver Elementary school.

Kelso reminded guests of memorials to be held November 11, Veterans Day. Ceremonies will be held at the Culver schools, Millers Merry Manor, Culver Masonic Cemetery and at the Veterans' Memorial in Monterey, Indiana. The ceremony at Culver Masonic will begin at the traditional moment of silence, 11 AM.

Greg Fassett, president of the Chamber, presented the slate of officers of the Chamber for 2010. Fassett will continue as president, with Dawn Minas Brockey as vice-president, and Ben Schaller as treasurer.

Mike Stallings, Chamber board of directors member, reported on plans for a revitalized Taste of Culver to be held on June 19 in downtown Culver. Mike and wife, Patty, will be co-chairs. They hope to get permission from the town council to use a portion of Jefferson Street between Main and Ohio Street for the event. Events will include entertainment as well as the opportunity to taste some of Culver's finest cuisines

Fassett announced that December 8 would be the Chamber's award night dinner. This event recognizes the Volunteer of the Year, Business Person of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement award. The dinner will be held at Café Max and guests are welcome. Reservations may be made at rruhnnow@marshallremc.coop.

Corrections

In last week's (Nov. 12) edition of the *Citizen*, two errors made it to print.

On page 2, in the story, "This is the biggest bridge we've built," the name reported as "Jacob (???)" should have read "Jacob Sheridan." The editor is unaware of any local students named "???" and apologizes to Mr. Sheridan.

On page 3, the photo and caption under "63 years and counting" incorrectly identified Frances Welsh's maiden name as Porter instead of Flora, as it should have read. The *Citizen* apologizes for the errors.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 19

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Tech Time workshop, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., church rectory basement

Fri., Nov. 20

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Nov. 21

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Dancevision, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

Sun., Nov. 22

Dancevision, 2:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

Mon., Nov. 23

Culver Academies Thanksgiving vacation begins (through Nov. 30)
 Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace

United Church of Christ
 Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Nov. 24

Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Nov. 25

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot

Thurs., Nov. 26

(Thanksgiving day)
 Most public entities closed for the holiday

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Letter to the editor

Donors should decide best use of picket money

I have been enjoying the beautiful waters of Lake Maxinkuckee for over 44 years as well as the public beach and the park. Every year it gets prettier and prettier. More crowded but prettier. I too have signed up for pickets that were never delivered (*see Culver Citizen Nov. 12 edition -- editor*).

As there has been much heated discussion around this topic, why would we want one to decide the fate of how that money should have been spent except for the people that gave the donations in the first place? Why shouldn't the park board send a letter out to every person who donated and give them a phone number or a website where they can call or click on if they would like their money sent back to them since it is not being used for the purpose it was truly intended for, pickets? People were not buying a fence but a remembrance whether it be sad or happy. If they don't call or click by a certain date then consider it a donation to the park, as I feel many would do this anyway, and we can all put this situation to rest. For those that would not consider donating since they were expecting a picket or a bench then they should get there money back and we can all move on and focus on the present and not the past and we can all, town residents and summer residents, continue to enjoy Culver as one big happy family.

**The Duckman Hill Family
 Culver**

Renowned organist Briggs to perform Friday

David Briggs, outstanding international concert organist, will present a recital at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Culver Academies Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. Briggs established himself at a young age in Britain, earning distinction in competitions and at one time was the youngest Organist-Choirmaster in England (at Truro Cathedral). He studied improvisation extensively, notably with Jean Langlais in Paris, and is renowned for his skills in that area, in concert and accompanying silent films. He also is a prolific composer, particularly of organ and choral works. As his recital and composing activities increased, he decided to retire early from his church position (by that time at Gloucester Cathedral). He now resides in the Boston area, and performs frequently throughout North America, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

Admission is free of charge, and the general public is invited. This program is sponsored by the Saint Joseph Valley Chapter of The American Guild of Organists, with additional support from The Culver Academies and the Fort Wayne Chapter of The American Guild of Organists.

REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Sweet and sour sausage, rice, black-eyed peas, roll and margarine, salad, blueberry crisp, and milk.
Friday, Nov. 20: Hamburger with bun,

cheese and onion, pea and cheese salad, fresh fruit, cookie, and milk.

Monday, Nov. 23: Salisbury steak and gravy, yams, broccoli, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Cornish hens with stuffing, cranberries, sweet potato, peach and pecan cassarole, pea and cheese salad, din-

ner roll and margarine, pumpkin pie, and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Spaghetti and parmesan cheese, tossed salad and dressing, green beans, pineapple, and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 26: Closed for the holiday.

Friday, Nov. 27: Closed for the holiday.

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God's will be done

We are coming to a time of Thanksgiving. As we have our good times with our family and friends, let us be thankful for all God has done for us.

God always wants to talk to us all the year through. So many times we forget to pray, but when sickness or tragedy hits we go to him and begin to ask him, "Why do these things happen?"



Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Ron Lewellen
Emmanuel
United Methodist Church

When we pray, we should pray that God's will, will be done. When we do this, we will always be satisfied with God's answer.

Even Jesus, when he was falsely accused, beaten, and crucified, prayed to God to let this cup of suffering pass from Him, but he closed his prayer by saying "Nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done."

All of us have sickness, death and tragedy come to us, but all of us have many good things happen to us and we forget God. Let's always let Him know we are grateful and His will, will always be done.

One thing we can know is that God wants all to go to heaven. It is His will that we will be saved. He gave his son Jesus to save us, but now we must live for Jesus so God's will, will be complete.
"So God's will be done."

Appreciating the appreciation

Many, though not all, our readers know the Culver Kiwanis Club held a "Culver Citizen Appreciation Day" Nov. 12, something the club organized all on its own volition, though a great deal of the credit and legwork, I think, goes to David Baker, current president of the club.

An article reviewing the event will run in next week's edition (there just wasn't space this week), something which presents your editor with some head scratching over covering something which ought to be covered as a community event and as an indication of how much the Culver community does value its paper, but which risks the appearance the editor is tooting his own horn!

Once again, thanks to David Baker who took the trouble to write an article about the event, leaving your editor guilty only of running the article, rather than constructing it!

Having said that, I wanted to take a moment to do the least I can do, which is return the thanks given to myself and the *Citizen* by members of our com-



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
editor

munity, for everyone's support and good wishes.

Specifically, of course, I want to thank David Baker and the Culver Kiwanis Club, as well as the many folks who stood up and said kind things about us on Nov. 12, including Culver Academies historian Bob Hartman, Culver Chamber president Greg Fassett, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council Director Kathy Clark, Dusty Henricks of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, and our *Citizen* (and Pilot-News) publisher, Rick Kreps. I don't think I've forgotten anyone, except I have, really...

Not only were a number of people in attendance that Thursday afternoon more than kind in their words before and after the actual event, but the people of Culver as a whole have

been truly supportive and kind. I couldn't possibly list all the folks who have taken time to write, call, email, or just stop me on the street with a kind word or a comment about a story or the paper overall, and I'm genuinely very, very grateful for that.

Are there complaints? Occasionally -- and some of them deserved (though some of aren't, I'd argue!). Your editor is far from perfect, as the page 3 correction this issue reveals, but overall, our readers have been remarkably understanding when the inevitable mistake zips past me.

But all in all, the community has been incredibly supportive, and I only hope my love for and appreciation of Culver comes through in the pages of the *Citizen*.

I've said it before, but thanks are owed specifically to some of the Culverites who help make the paper possible through their efforts, including photographers like Paul Paré,

Tony Straw, Bill Birk, and others as well as our stalwart correspondent Bobbie Ruhnow.

Lastly, I'd be remiss not to say a word of thanks to the many people who make this paper possible besides myself. I realized after the Kiwanis event I'd neglected to properly recognize our publisher, Rick Kreps. Of course I'm expected to say nice things about my boss, but the real truth is, Rick has been extremely supportive and helpful since I began at the *Citizen*. He truly is enjoyable to work for and with, and that means a great deal. A difficult "boss" can destroy a project, but Rick has helped this paper flourish.

Ditto Pilot-News editor (and my direct supervisor) Maggie Nixon, who puts a lot of work into this paper and helps make it possible as well. That's true of the entire staff at the Pilot, actually, from circulation to sports to advertising and beyond. Without them, there's no way we'd have a *Culver Citizen*.

And even if I weren't the editor, I'd say I'm glad we have it.



PHOTO SUBMITTED/GARY SHAFFER

Where in the world is the *Culver Citizen*?

Everyone knows Culver draws folks from all over the nation and the world to the shores of our beautiful lake and our world-renowned prep school (among other amenities!), so it's appropriate its newspaper should be well-traveled to match.

This photo was taken at a site which figures prominently in American history, and whose historical relevance was cemented on an infamous date this weekend. Can you name the location and (hint: it's not in Indiana) and its historical significance?

This photo was arranged by Gary Shaffer of Culver, who readers will remember shared a photo printed more than 20 years ago in the *Citizen* (and re-printed this past year) of himself during his Navy days, reading the *Citizen* while clearly standing in Israel. Gary tells your editor his copy of the paper was always popular with his Navy buddies, who appreciated it as a slice of home-town America each week.

The man in the photo, who served with Gary in the Navy, is now Director of Radio Operations at a station whose location we won't reveal (to keep the quiz a mystery), and who says he still enjoys reading the paper for its small-town feel.

If readers enjoy this little contest (and thanks to Gary for thinking of it!), why not keep the ball rolling by snapping a photo of yourself or a friend or family member enjoying the *Citizen* in a well-known or unusual locale to see if our sharp-eyed readers can guess the spot? Photos can be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075 to make arrangements.

Name that Culver "citizen"

Kay Tusing, Connie Van Horn, Chuckie Strang, Carin Clifton, and Helen Overmyer all recognized Scott McKinnis as last week's Mystery Citizen. Our hint, referring to his familiar face in Culver business (and that of his father before him), referred to Scott's work with Norcen Insurance on Main Street, just a few doors north of the drug store his father, Robert McKinnis, operated (having taken over

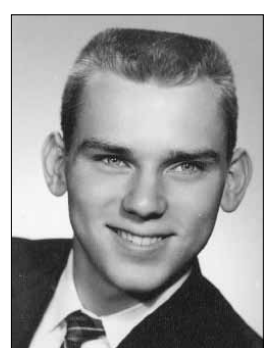


At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Scott McKinnis, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

what was for decades Rector's Pharmacy) before moving his business to State Road 10 and later merging with Ron Tusing at Mr. T's drugs on Academy Road.

Your editor received Jim Taber's correct guess as to the identity of the previous week's Mystery Citizen (Lance Overmyer) just a wee bit too late to make press time. Jim joins other correct guessers in enjoying free parking in downtown Culver.

This week's Mystery Citizen has been around Culver for decades but has become even more familiar in recent years for his involvement in several volunteer endeavors.



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Library news



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First in line

Culver-Union Township Public Library patron Bob Schilling, right, was the recipient November 5 of the library's very first card under the newly-adopted Evergreen cataloging and circulation system, as issued by CUTPL staff member Barb Maves.

All library patrons will need to sign up for the new card, which requires proper identification as residents or property owners in the library's service areas of Culver and Union Township, according to library director Colleen McCarty. Students from outside the township who attend Culver Community Schools will receive a student card (students under the age of 18 need their parent's or guardian's signature). Patrons outside the Culver-Union Township area may receive a "reciprocal" card from CUTPL and continue to borrow materials as usual.

According to McCarty, some new features of the Evergreen system include: a change in the fine fees, which are now \$.25 per day per item; a 7 day loan period for DVDs; a 100 item limit for checkouts (10 DVDs); either \$10 in fines or 15 items overdue before their borrower privileges are suspended; the ability to renew their checked-out items online. Resident card holders will also be able to place their own online holds on books or audio books which belong to the other 50-plus Evergreen Libraries and have those materials delivered to CUTPL which greatly expands patrons' borrowing capabilities.

Evergreen Indiana software is "open source" (that is, free), added McCarty, and the State Library has used its LSTA federal grant money to underwrite the cost of the migration and system support for participating libraries.

VFW news

Culver Post now open Sundays

Culver's VFW Post #6919 is now open Sundays from 1 p.m. until time to close. Visitors are encouraged to visit the post and watch their favorite sports, enjoy free WiFi, and take advantage of beverage specials available. The post is located at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Men's Auxiliary hosts dinner

Culver's VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a Friday dinner November 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Available will be \$1 hamburgers and \$12 steaks, with tip boards during dinner. The public is invited to "a great meal with great friends without having to spend a lot of money."

Soup cook-off will benefit food pantry

Culver's VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a soup cook-off Sunday, November 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Post, located at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver. All community organizations are encouraged to participate, and all monies received will be donated to Culver's food pantry. Contestants are asked to bring their best soup and strive to be voted number one (outlets will be provided for crock pots). The public is invited and soup will be available -- all you can eat -- for \$5 per person.

Cow seen skiing on Lake Max?

Those near the lake Nov. 1 may have thought they were seeing things -- specifically, a cow skiing around the lake! This day-after-Halloween stunt was only water skier Tom Yuhas, with son Tim as captain of the vessel and wife Teresa as the spotter. Tom and Tim have skied in costume in previous years, which marks the end of another ski season and time to winterize the boat.

The Yuhas' use an unwritten hundred degree rule: the air plus water temperatures need to total at least one hundred. By using a floating deck near the public landing, Yuhas was able to do a dock start and not be submerged completely in the water.



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wide service)."

Council member Ed Pinder raised concerns that "some of our little old ladies and little old men probably take their trash to a daughter's or son's house now, and now are some of these people going to pay for part of my trash pickup?"

"I've heard the stories of the little old ladies," responded Mason, "but how many people in town are there who do that? I don't think there are many."

Clerk Treasurer Casey Howard said as a citizen she would love the convenience and savings of town-wide service, "but as Clerk Treasurer, Argos is losing money. If someone doesn't pay their bill, we can cut their service, but we can't do anything to make them pay it."

Council member Ginny Munroe suggested administration fees should cover the likely low number of residents refusing to pay, unless the town doesn't charge enough to cover its costs adequately.

Mason said such situations should be dealt with "on a case-by-case basis. I would be willing to pay to subsidize those who are in a truly poverty (stricken) situation."

Audience member Mike Stallings noted many people without paid trash service use public and private dumpsters to illegally dispose of their trash, something Munroe said she and husband Grant have witnessed repeatedly as well. Ricciardi added Culver Academies dumpsters are abused in a similar fashion.

Audience member Jim Hahn, who originally suggested the Council consider town-wide service, said "local businesses are subsidizing our trash pickup. I don't believe this! When you look at the rather dramatic difference in the amount of money somebody has to pay for trash pickup, I believe the people in this town will pay less money and get as good or better service as now (if the town contracts for town-wide service). Plus you'll have fewer trucks running up and down the streets of this town on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (due to three different waste haulers operating locally today)...there are a lot of positives to this."

The Council agreed to solicit public opinion on the matter at a December 1, 6:30 p.m. town hall meeting in the form of a work session at the town hall (see Brief this issue).

In other discussion, the much-discussed question of Culver's Emergency Medical Service's potentially shifting to a paramedic-based service, raised around this time last year, was brought up by Ricciardi on behalf of current EMS director Millie Sytsma, who couldn't attend the meeting.

Ricciardi, noting the Culver-Union Township EMS

elected Chuck Dilts as 2010 director at its annual elections November 1, said she believes Dilts is in favor of the service going paramedic, though she wasn't at liberty to speak for him. Ricciardi said she is in favor of the move. "If we're going to have to pay personnel, we should hire the highest level we can get. I would like to get a group together and make a discussion of it to see if we can come up with some kind of plan rather than let it sit on the back burner."

Ricciardi suggested a committee with representatives from the EMS, Town Council, and Union Township board.

Mason asked what has changed since the matter was discussed last year, adding he understood the EMS and town boards had reached a consensus the paramedic option was too costly and paid PRN service would be preferable.

Ricciardi noted the number of advanced EMTs available for Culver's service is dropping yearly.

Munroe noted the matter "comes up each year at budget time" and agreed a group should be formed to conduct an in-depth study of the feasibility and costs involved in each option.

Winters questioned whether ambulance runs requiring a fully trained paramedic -- as opposed to the presently-used advanced EMTs and PRNs -- constitute enough traffic in the Culver area to justify paramedic service. Ricciardi noted Culver's EMS had two ambulance calls within the last month requiring the more advanced training of paramedic assistance, but in both cases Plymouth's paramedic service was unavailable. "That's what we're running into," Ricciardi added. Currently, Culver pays Plymouth's paramedic service on a per-run basis.

Winters raised the possibility of "our neighboring community to the east" combining its EMS service with Culver's. He also noted shifting to a paramedic service would require new standards as to the second person riding in the ambulance. Ricciardi, responding to a query from Munroe as to the possibility of increased revenues should Culver become a paramedic service, said she felt offering full paramedic service to some of the smaller areas surrounding Culver could potentially increase the number of runs for Culver's service and hence increase revenues as well.

"Given the ageing populous in the US," added Munroe, longevity is much longer and that's a factor that's a little different in Culver than maybe in other towns, which we can't ignore."

Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler agreed the shortfall in volunteers is an ongoing problem. "Paid

November's Thursday Tech Time at the library

For November only, Thursday Tech Time will be on the third Thursday of the month, November 19. Discussion of Windows 7 will continue with a focus on the features of the different editions. Also investigated will be the pros and cons of assembling a computer from parts versus buying a prebuilt system. Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology.

Sessions are held monthly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or it may simply be open discussion. Sessions are free and open to the public.

Recognition Night gala concludes Big Read

The Culver-Union Township Public Library winds down its Big Read celebration of Thornton Wilder's "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" and the play "Our Town" with Recognition Night on Friday, November 20 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the library.

Winners of the "Our Town" photography contest will be announced as well as "Locating Yourself in the Universe" young adult writers. The cast of Culver High School's play, "Our Town," will make an appearance to promote their community performance Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22. Educators involved with the community read will be presented with certificates of achievement from The Big Read.

Jan and the Left-Hand Rockers, a rock 'n roll band from Plymouth, will provide entertainment throughout the evening. Various local politicians will be on hand to present the awards.

Barb Maves, assistant project director for The Big Read, wants to remind everyone, "This is our community's celebration of a very successful project. Everyone is invited. We're going to have snacks and a great band."

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest.



Sports



Cavs' banner year ends with regional loss to top-ranked team

By Sam King
For The Pilot News Group
LAFAYETTE — The dictionary defines domination as ruling by superior power or authority.

Central Catholic's Class A regional championship victory over Culver at LaRocca Field wasn't perfect, but it fit the definition of dominant.

Culver struggled to move the ball on the ground with just 76 net rushing yards compared to 292 ground yards by the hosts, and the Cavaliers gave up a total of five turnovers en route to a 56-0 loss to top-ranked Lafayette Central Catholic on the road Friday.

"We just weren't able to maintain anything against them," said Culver head coach Andy Thomas. "We had a few decent drives, but the margin for error with those guys is very slim. Our kids did everything they could. They did their best, they have nothing to be ashamed of. We got beat by a superior team."

The Knights' only punt came with one minute left in the game, and the Lafayette defense made 13

tackles for loss and picked off three passes by Culver QB Collin Stevens — who went 8-of-16 for 168 yards at the game — on the way to Central Catholic's eighth shutout of the season.

"We turned over more than you can to win a game,

hailed in a pair of Mills touchdowns passes.

Christopher and Brad Schrader both scored on third quarter touchdown runs to round out the CC scoring. The Knights rushed for 292 yards on 30 carries (9.7 yards per

titles in 1976 and 1999.

The Cavaliers, meanwhile, close their season at 8-5 with the loss. Seniors Robert Molebash, Brock Elliott, Nate Niswander, Jacob Sheridan and George Van Sky bid farewell to the program, but they can hold

their leadership. I hope that the expectations rise in all of our sports."

Thomas also expressed gratitude for all the support he and his players received from their school and community throughout their sectional championship run.

"I'd like to thank our student body and thank our community for their support this season," he said.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 56, CULVER 0
At Lafayette
Culver: 0 0 0 0—0
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First Quarter
CC — Naville 46 run (Noonan kick)
CC — C. Mills 2 run (Noonan kick)
Second Quarter
CC — Withers 67 pass from C. Mills (Noonan kick)
CC — Christopher 54 run (Noonan kick)
CC — Withers 18 pass from Mills (Noonan kick)
CC — Christopher 9 run (Noonan kick)
Third Quarter

CC — Christopher 8 run (Noonan kick)
CC — B. Schrader 5 run (Noonan kick)

Cu CC
First downs 9 19
Rushes-yards 39-76 30-292
Passing yards 168 72
Comp-Att-Int 8-16-3 8-8-0
Fumbles-Lost 2-2 1-0
Penalties-Yds 2-10 8-85
Individual statistics

Rushing — Culver: Hendrickson 4-6, Hogan 10-29, Stevens 8-11, Salary 17-30. Central Catholic: Naville 8-100, Christopher 5-81, Anthrop 4-54, C. Mills 1-2, B. Schrader 7-46, C. Schrader 2-15, T. Mills 2-(-3), Kochert 1-(-3).
Passing — Culver: Stevens 8-16-3 for 72. Central Catholic: C. Mills 8-8-0 for 168, 2 TDs.
Receiving — Culver: Molebash 2-54, Hendrickson 3-11, Hogan 1-9, Salary 2-(-3). Central Catholic: Anthrop 2-8, Christopher 1-11, Zimmerman 1-11, Withers 3-118, Naville 1-10.
Records: Central Catholic 13-0, Culver 8-5 (final).

• Sports Editor James Costello also contributed to this report



CCHS seniors (from left to right) Brock Elliott, Robert Molebash, Nate Niswander, Jacob Sheridan and George Van Sky will leave the program having helped lead their team to its sectional championship since 2001.

but they were an outstanding team and we had to try to force some things to try to make some plays and they were able to take advantage of it," Thomas said.

After a failed onside kick by Culver to start the game, it took the Knights just two plays to get on the scoreboard.

Joe Naville rushed for 100 yards on eight carries, including a 46-yard touchdown on the game's second play. CC capped an 11-play, 86-yard drive with a 2-yard run by Chris Mills to go up 14-0. The Knights led 42-0 at halftime after Cody Christopher scored on a pair of second quarter runs and Marc Withers

carry), and Mills was a perfect 8-for-8 passing for 168 yards. The CC defense limited the Cavaliers (8-5) to just 76 yards on 39 carries (1.9) and 148 total yards.

Christopher had 81 yards rushing, Danny Anthrop added 54 and Schrader had 46. Withers caught three passes for 118 yards. Mark Strong and Jack Kendrick each had three tackles for loss for the Knights (13-0). Adam Zimmerman had a tackle for loss, a fumble recovery and an interception. CC's 18 seniors earned a victory in their final game at LaRocca Field.

CC has won the state championship the previous two times it won regional

their heads high after leading the team to a record 5-1 start to the season as well as Culver's first sectional championship since 2001.

"Certainly I hope that the expectations rise for conference and for more than just a sectional title," Thomas said. "I'm proud of our team; I'm especially proud of our seniors and

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Lacrosse camp Nov. 21

The Culver Military lacrosse team will host its annual Champ Camp Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The camp is open to all aspiring lacrosse players through the eighth grade. There is no charge. The camp will serve as an introduction to those new to the game and provide personalized instruction to those who have already played. Registration will be in the Steinbrenner Recreation Center across from the Memorial Chapel.

While equipment will be available, players are encouraged to bring their own if possible. Hockey helmets, gloves, and pads may be used. Hosts for the camp will be senior players Brandon Benn, Jesse Rabishaw, Michael Kime, and Ryan Everson. Other members of the lacrosse team will be assisting throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Jesse Rabishaw at RabishJ@culver.org.

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'Our Town' hits our town

The cast of Culver Community High School's performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," above, is gearing up for two performances of the classic play on-stage in the high school auditorium Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. The play, directed by Diane Darrow of CCHS, wraps up this autumn's "The Big Read" series of community events sponsored by the Culver-Union Township Public Library (see article, page 6). Student actors pictured above include (on ladder) Mitch Maes and (on stool) Cameron Turney; (front row, left to right) Elise Jackson, Colton Measles, Chloe Broeker; (second row) Dana Wireman, Serena Hughes, Mark Maes; (third row) Timmy Wireman, Cally Jo Klausung, Emma Lorenz; (back row) RJ Greer, Keith Back, and Riley Dare. Admission to the performance is free and the public is invited.

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CEF purchases admin building

School board also discusses reductions

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Culver - It's sold! Harold "Sunny" Wyland, attorney for CCS, advised board members that the auction for the old administration building was a success. "The auction held November 6 exceeded our expectations," Wyland said. "We had spirited bidding with the winning bid of \$95,000." The Culver Educational Foundation was the successful bidder and will use the building as temporary office space. The board was required to formally accept the offer and did so by the resolution Wyland had prepared. It is anticipated that the closing will move quickly and should be completed by December 3.

Members of Culver's football team were recognized. Robert Molebash, Nate Nisander and Brock Elliott, were congratulated as part of the Culver Cavalier's sectional champions. Coach Tom Bendy and Albert Hanselman, high school administrator, praised the spirit of the team and their accomplishments. "We're proud to see Culver on the uniforms of these young men," Hanselman said.

Brad Schuldt, superintendent, reported that ISBA, Indiana School Board Assoc., had awarded Culver Community school board with a Master status. Members Chris Kline received Master status, Gene Baker received a Level 3, and Jack Jones received a Level 2.

Schuldt advised the board of a press release from Governor Daniels' office regarding additional state agency spending reductions. Although spending reductions were initiated for most state agency following the total tax collections \$46 million below the forecast for the month, the cuts will not affect public safety and education. The state ended fiscal year 2009 with \$1.3 billion in reserves. If the current trend continues and the governor did not order spending cuts, state budget officials estimate the state's reserves would be depleted by August 2010. Reductions ordered by the governor are estimated to save the state between \$300 and \$400 million over the biennium.

In other business, Schuldt said the annual tour of the schools by trustees would be November 17 beginning at Monterey. December 2 and 3 is scheduled for the "Wellness Screening Program". As part of the cooperation between the Culver Union Township Public Library's Big Read program, the play "Our Town" will be held on November 19 at 2 PM for students, although the public is welcome, and also, November 21 at 7 PM and November 22 at 2 PM.

The board accepted with appreciation a donation from the Culver Lions Club of \$1,000 toward the vocal music program.

The remainder of the meeting was spent watching a video from Dr. Baker of the Indiana Department of Education entitled "Growth Models of Evaluation".

Culver Middle School honor roll

Culver Community Middle School has announced its first quarter honor roll students.

8th grade all "A": Hayes Barnes, Caleb Dehning, Maeve Kline, Stephen Paolini, Melissa Schalliol, Brittany Wilkman, Tim Wireman

8th grade "A-B": Katelyn Bau, Dylan Bennett Michael Davidge Alex Anderson,

Ashley Braasch, Caitlyn Brewer, Denisha Brown, Nicolas Carbone, Victoria Christlieb, Donald Clark, Shane Comiskey, Amber Cowell, Megan Deon, Trenton Elliott, Victoria Elliott, Justice Goodman, Abby James, Courtney Littleton, Grace Lorenz, Megan Lyczak, Caleb Nash, Joe Nehemiah, Nick Pritz, Meghan Purtell, Jaelyn Rocco, Chelsea Salser, Erin Salyer, Gunner Schmidt, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Kennedi Thomas, Chris Zehner

7th grade all "A": Shawnie Hayes, Haley Klimaszewski, Frank Kline, Madelyn Strycker, Megan Yeager

7th grade "A-B": Marshall Anderson, Jerrod Betts, Katie Blocker, Riley Dare, Bodhi Farquhar, Paul Foersch, Alex Graham, Shelby Gross, Mickella Hardy, Whitney Hopkins, Angela Lewellen, Elizabeth McElroy, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Alecia Rearick, Tia Romig, Paxton Schmidt, Emmalee Shepherd, Summer Turney, Janele VanDePutte, Donna Zehner

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